



Holy Family Syro-Malabar Catholic Mission

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Liturgy

Every Sunday at 4:15 PM at:

Our Lady of Fatima church
1418 S 17th Avenue
Phoenix, AZ 85007

Detailed Schedule

**3:00 PM: Catechism for
Children
Rosary, Novena
Praise & worship**

4:15 PM: Holy Mass

5:30 PM: Social Hour

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Devotion to Mother Mary - Vanakamasam

In these times of compromise, it is a sad thing to see how the Virgin Mother of God is always hidden, it is seen that Catholics have been failing to honor our Holy Mother. We should never be afraid to honor Our Mother; after all she is our mother! Just like our own mother, she loves us and would never abandon us. Her prayers to her Son carry much weight. At the wedding feast of Cana our Lord performed His first public miracle at her request even though it was not yet time. She will purify our prayers, cleanse them and present them to her Son. So it is said that devotion to Our Lady is necessary for salvation. Our Mother is "full of Grace" (Luke 1:28) so when we say, "Pray for us now and at the hour of death", we are asking God's perfect creature, sinless virgin, to take our prayers before the throne. She will make sure our prayers are presentable to the Lord, for no one else would it better than the sinless Virgin Mother of God. God gave us his only begotten son through Mary. For thousands of years many patriarchs and prophets pleaded with God for a Saviour. Yet only Mary found favour with God and only with Mary did God give us his Son.

Even before Mary's birth to earthly life, God choose her to be a creature of holiness. God created Mary to be the mother of his only son. Mary's life is one of humble devotion wrought with silent sorrows she endured at the side of her son through his crucifixion and death bearing his pain and suffering as her own. Mary's life draws Catholics closer to Jesus. Her existence from the beginning is to bring Christ to mankind. It is for this reason that devotion to her is so prominent in the Catholic Church. Mary intercedes for us and leads us to Jesus.

The "Vanakamasam" in the Syro Malabar Catholic Church begins from May 1st. This is the time dedicated to the devotion of Mother Mary especially in our families. Every family can show their devotion to Mary by reciting the Rosary- the traditional family prayer. Mary teaches mankind to say "yes" to God. She is the ultimate model of faith, hope and charity.



Prayer Intentions

- Lets pray for all the people who have lost their jobs, so that they may find new jobs at the earliest and have the strength and courage to overcome their trials and tribulations.
- Let's dedicate a rosary to God everyday in our families, so that our community is blessed with a church of our own..

A good person out of the store of goodness in his heart produces good. Luke 6:45

Announcements

Prayer Meetings

First Saturday - Bl.Mariam Thresia ward-Gilbert area. The prayer will be held at the residence of Mr. Thomas Mathai & Sylvey.

Ph: 480-969-5394.

Second Saturday - St.Alphonsa ward.-Peoria, Happy valley area.

The prayer will be held at the residence of Mr.Rinson & Renju.

Ph: 623-236-3190.

Bible Classes during Prayer Meeting

This month the bible class will begin with the Gospel of Mathew, Chapter 1. As part of the preparation for the class everybody is requested to read the gospel in advance.

Parish Picnic

The parish picnic is scheduled on Saturday, May 16 2009.

Our Catholic faith is supposed to be at the forefront of our lives in good times and in bad times. However. it is the bad times that

most often drive us to our knees in prayer. During these tumultuous economic times, it would be good to remember to ask St. Joseph to offer his prayers for us. **Friday, May 1**, was the Memorial of St. Joseph the Worker. This feast, established by Pope Pius XII in 1955, highlights the dignity of the worker and

ST.JOSEPH, the WORKER



the holiness of his work. St. Joseph was a carpenter. He was a laborer. Through his daily toil he provided for Mary and the Child Jesus. It was not an easy life. We must look to St. Joseph as a model for offering to God our daily work, whatever it may be. God in His providence chose St.Joseph to be the foster father of Jesus and the head of the Holy Family. St.Joseph was a just man to whom the Son of God

Himself was subject, as to a father. And hence all Christians can go to him with confidence, and he will see to their spiritual and temporal needs with paternal goodness.

SAINTS CORNER



Birthday Wishes

Happy Birthday to all the parishioners celebrating their birthday's this month

Change in Address

Fr.Mathew Munjanatt has moved from St.Theresa's Church to a house. Please refer to page 1 of the newsletter for the address of the house.

Change in Mass Timings

The Holy Qurbana on May 10th (Catechism Annual Day) will be at **3:00 p.m.** There will be annual day function after the Mass followed by dinner.

From **May 17th** till August (until the beginning of catechism classes), the Holy Qurbana will be at **4.00 p.m.**

Religious Education

* The **Annual Day** celebration for our catechism students is scheduled on Sunday, May 10th 2009.

* The **First Holy Communion and Confirmation** is tentatively planned for the month of October. Preparation classes for the First Holy Communion will be conducted accordingly.

New Parish Members

Hearty Welcome to all the newcomers. Members who have not yet registered are requested to contact Fr.Mathew Munjanatt or Mr. Thomas Chacko to fill in the **registration forms**.